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THE AVALANCHE.

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THURSDAY, May 3, 1883.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Circuit court next Wednesday.

May-day was as beautiful as one could wish.

B. J. Wakeley has a bad "frog felon" on his left hand.

See the New No. 7 American Sewing Machine at the P. O.

Arrivals from your numbers—14th of July is coming.

Miss Mattie Silsbee returned last week from her visit to friends in Tuscola county.

Mr. J. C. Evans is putting up a neat house on his place, just north of the village.

A. H. Swarthout, Esq., has secured the agency of the Michigan Fire and Marine Ins. Co.

Mrs. Jas. Bull and Mrs. C. P. Robinson started Sunday night for a visit among relatives and friends in Chesham.

A full stock of furniture at Traver's Furniture Rooms.

McMillan & Hessler, Rockford, Mich., say: "Brown's Iron Bitters is selling well and gives good satisfaction."

Mr. H. Brown is building a new boat, and from the shape of the craft and the way he is putting it together we should judge this is not his first attempt.

Mr. Geo. Mendenhall has purchased and is now renovating the Geo. Shaver place, will soon move his family into it, and will at once commence active farming operations.

Nicest thing out—The new window shade roller at the P. O.

We had a taste of maple sugar one day last week—only a "taste," for it was "way up so high" that we could not dive deep enough into our breeches-pockets to find the necessary ducats wherewith to obtain a mouthful.

Mrs. A. J. Rose met with a serious accident last Saturday. While passing through their gate she caught her feet under a wire which precipitated her to the ground, striking in such a manner as to fracture her hip.

Dr. F. N. Lettmer, Ludington, Mich., says: "I have sold many dozen of Brown's Iron Bitters, and none failed to give entire satisfaction."

No business man should be without a nice business card. You can get them printed cheap at the AVALANCHE office.

Wall paper.

Beautiful designs, ready trimmed, at the P. O.

We publish this week a continued story entitled "Supervisors' Prosecutions," written by Hon. O. J. Bell at the dictation of eight of the representative men of Crawford county—one from each township. The story will be found interesting reading.

How many planted trees last Thursday? The soft winds dwindled to a whisper low, and sighed for pity as they answered "don't know!" The lightning flashed and the thunder rolled, and loudly proclaimed "not one, we are told!" It is too bad but it is plain to see, that no one planted an Arbor tree.

Twelve dozen assorted spectacles and eye-glasses, ranging from the cheapest to the finest lenses, at Dr. Traver's Drug Store. All in need should call and be fitted by the Doctor.

Mr. Rasmus Larson, clerk at the Manistee Hotel, has rented that establishment for one year, and will as usual be found ready to cater to the wants of all who may favor him with their patronage. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Swenson start for Manistee to-day, where they will reside and recuperate.

Mal J. Connors reports that "or the six months he has transacted insurance business here he has insured property to the value of \$770,000. This would be at the rate of \$134,000 per year, or nearly three times the amount written by any other agency in Crawford county. Agent for The Insurance Co. of North America—the strongest company doing business in this part of the State.

Choice Books—Lots of new and beautiful goods at the P. O.

School begun in the new school house—fractional school district No. 3, Center Plains township—a week or two ago, Miss Lydia Jones, of Williamston, Ingham county, teacher. A Sabbath school has also been organized, with the following officers: Supt., David Wright; Sec., Perry Ostrander; Treas., Emory Odell; Librarian, L. E. Parker; chorister, Stephen Odell. The school is held every Sabbath at 10 o'clock a. m., and has an average attendance of about 20 scholars. There will be divine services Sabbath afternoon.

When—house-cleaning—this spring don't forget to decorate your walls with some of those beautiful wall papers at Dr. Traver's, 1,000 rolls—spring styles.

A full stock of clothing and under-takers' goods at Traver's Furniture Rooms.

Mercantile J. M. Elm put into his store yesterday a mammoth Dickel safe, weighing 4,800 pounds. It was manufactured to order, and has the appearance of being fully as represented—fire and burglar proof.

The ladies are again to the front—or will be next Tuesday evening—in the ball and will have for sale the finest kind of maple sugar and the finest ice cream of the season. They ask every body and every other body to come and have a good time. Proceeds in aid of new church.

The AVALANCHE office is turning out a large quantity of job work, such as letter head, note heads, bill heads, envelopes, etc., etc. We guarantee entire satisfaction, and do work as cheap as any office in the State.

The following Crawford county items we find in the Roscommon Pioneer:

Harry Marvin has 10 acres of winter wheat that looks promising for 200 bushels this fall.

Seymour Sewell, formerly of Roscommon, has hired a house in Peria, Cheney of Mrs. J. A. Curran.

The farmers all seem to be very busy building fences and getting ready to put in their crops.

Mr. Gilbert, formerly of Ohio, has purchased a farm in Center Plains from Mrs. Weaver.

DIED.

In this city, on Thursday, April 26, 1883, after an illness of 14 months, Mary E., the beloved wife of our townsman, J. R. Tarbell, Esq., aged 30 years.

She died with a firm hope in Christ, and although desiring much to live, yet at the last was able to say, "Thy will be done." Mr. Tarbell has the sympathy of all in his great bereavement. The funeral services were largely attended, and were conducted by Rev. S. Edgumbe.

On Monday night, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David London.

A CARD.

To the friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved friend, Mrs. Tarbell, we would extend our heartfelt thanks. May the Lord bless you, and may you ever find friends in times of need, be the prayer of

Mrs. and Mrs. C. B. JOHNSON.

FARMERS' ATTENTION.

The undersigned has secured the agency of the Ward chilled plow, one, two or three horse, unalterable iron or wood beam, very light and easy draught. Residence, sec. 14, Grayling township.

E. T. Bick.

Volume Five.

To-day the AVALANCHE enters upon the fifth volume. The year just past has been one of fair prosperity there having been quite an addition to the list of subscribers and better advertising patronage than heretofore. We have added, during the year, a first class job press and a fine lot of material, costing entire more than the profits of the concern, but believing as we do in the future success of our city and the county, we propose to keep in advance of its growth, and by our enterprise proving our faith in the material advancement of the country while we shall endeavor to deserve the support of the community.

We have been unable to please all in every particular. Mistakes have been made and probably will be in the future, but will be guarded against as best we may.

We ask our friends to assist in extending our circulation, not alone for our benefit but for the county and for this section of the State. We desire news items from all directions, and especially items of agricultural interest for this locality, concisely and exactly stated. There is no need of telling anything beyond the exact truth, for we have already proven enough of the fertility of the "plains" and their adaptability to agriculture to quickly settle every acre of our lands could these facts be known by the thousands who are seeking homes in less favorable localities, and this knowledge can be extended in no way as well as by the local press.

As with all offices, we have the usual compliment of "dead beats" who, having read the paper for from one to three years without payment, when asked to liquidate order the paper stopped as it is of no use, and seem to think they have honored us by receiving it. To such we say we want your money, and then you can do as you please in the future.

We shall be able to give the paper more personal attention in the year to come and hope to improve it by the division of labor. Our thanks are tendered those who have given us their support, the continuance of which we hope to merit.

with the following result:

Sup. Fletcher received 3 votes, Sup. Dilley 3 votes, Sup. Johnson 2 votes.

Moved by Sup. Conine that the board proceed to the sixth formal ballot for the third member of abbeveron-mittee.

Motion prevailed, with the following result:

Sup. Dilley received 4 votes, Sup. Fletcher 2 votes, Sup. Johnson 2 votes.

On motion of Sup. James, the board proceeded to the seventh formal ballot, resulting as follows:

Sup. Dilley received 5 votes, Sup. Johnson 2 votes, Sup. Fletcher 1 vote.

Whereupon, Sup. Dilley having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected as the third member of the above-named committee.

Sup. Conine presented to the board a request of the sheriff that the latter be allowed to purchase seven doors and windows for the use of the jail, also some handcuffs needed, and to have the residence walls calcimined.

On motion of Sup. Woodburn, the entire matter was referred to the committee on county buildings.

Whereupon, on motion of Sup. Johnson, the board adjourned until half past 7 this evening.

RESOLUTION.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called, quorum present.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

The following was presented by Sup.

Committee which, on motion of Sup. Woodburn, was referred to the committee on county buildings.

GRAVELING, April 24, 1883.

To the Board of Crawford County—Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned citizens of Crawford county, do most respectfully petition your honorable board to appoint a committee of three persons to the settling of shade trees in and around the court house grounds, and seeding the same with clover.

Respectfully yours,

A. H. SWARTHOUT,

R. P. FORBES,

B. LONDON,

W. J. SMITH.

The committee on claims submitted their report, which, on motion of Sup. Fletcher, was accepted and adopted.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Crawford County:

Your committee, to whom were referred the following claims, have examined the same and respectfully recommend their allowance as follows:

Selling, Hanson & Co., sundries, 15 61 15 61
A. B. Swarthout, editor press, etc., 6 40 6 40
J. J. Kilburn, janitor fees, 6 75 6 75
J. H. Hingerson, dep. sheriff fees, 8 30 8 30
J. P. Ham, housing prisoners, 27 75 27 75
J. P. Bradley, constable fees, 1 38 1 38
J. P. Constable fees, 1 38 1 38

Referred back for correction:

J. F. Ham \$12.65, D. London \$8.20, D. London \$93.13, J. S. Harrington \$6.70

O. Palmer, \$18, rejected as properly belonging to the county printing, and already paid for in another form as per contract of 1882.

J. S. Harrington, \$1.70, rejected.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. J. COXNINE,

WM. WOODBURN,

M. S. DILLEY,

Committee.

Moved by Sup. Conine that the action of the board relative to the report of committee on claims be rescinded, so far as relates to the bill of O. Palmer.

Motion prevailed.

Moved by Sup. Dilley that the bill of O. Palmer be allowed as charged.

Motion prevailed.

Moved by Sup. Woodburn that the action taken regarding the removal of the Supreme Court Reports be reconsidered.

The following resolution was presented by Sup. Conine, which, on motion of Sup. Dilley, was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on county buildings be instructed to erect at some suitable point on the court house grounds a privy for the use of the county officials and the public, to be 8x12 feet in dimensions, and to cost not to exceed forty dollars (\$40), and that the one now in existence be reserved to the private use of the sheriff's family.

Moved by Sup. James that the resolution giving the prosecuting attorney permission to remove the Supreme Court Reports to his office be and is hereby rescinded.

Motion prevailed.

The following was presented by Sup. Dilley, which, on motion of Sup. Conine, was laid on the table until to-morrow morning.

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors of Crawford County:

I would most respectfully tender to you my resignation of the office of county clerk, and in doing so, for the reason I have been elected to the office of supervisor and cannot longer serve.

Thanking the members of your honorable body for their gentlemanly courtesy towards me in the past, I have the honor to remain

Yours most respectfully,

M. S. DILLEY.

On motion of Sup. Johnson the board adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at East Searow, April 24, 1883.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Crawford county, Mich., at Grayling, on the 24th day of May, 1883, viz: George P. Owen, of Crawford Co., Mich., for the S. 4 of a N. 4 of Sec. 35, T. 2 N., R. 2 E.

He claims the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

J. A. O. Bradley of Grayling p. o. Park Poles of Grayling p. o. and J. H. Hingerson of Grayling p. o. E. P. Ham and J. P. Bradley.

CHAS. H. DOWDY, Register.

NOTICE TO RETURN LAND TO MARKET.

United States Land Office, Fred City, Md., March 16, 1883.

Pursuant to instructions from the Department, notice is hereby given that we shall offer at public sale to the highest bidder, at said office, on the 14th day of May, 1883, at 10 o'clock a. m., the N. 4 of a Sec. 2, Town 25 N., Range 4 W., E. 1/2 of Sec. 34, T. 25 N., R. 4 W., for the S. 4 of a Sec. 2, T. 25 N., R. 4 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz:

Frank E. Greco of Wellington p. o., Annie Aren of Wellington p. o., Silas G. Bach of Grayling p. o., Ira Curran of Foss Cheney p. o., Robert W. Ford, homestead entry No. 533, for the N. 4 of a Sec. 2, Town 25 N., Range 4 W., T. 25 N., R. 4 W., and names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, viz:

Wellington Batterson, John H. Greco, Thomas Hanson, August L. Searow, all of Wellington p. o., EDWARD STEVENSON, Register.

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